

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 2-4, 7, 8, 10, 13 and 16-18 have been amended. No new matter has been added as a result of the amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and Claims is respectfully requested.

102 Rejection

Claims 1 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Ullman (U.S. Patent No. 6,266,705). Claim 2 identified in the outstanding Office Action as containing allowable subject matter has been rewritten in independent form and is thus now allowable. In addition, Claim 10 identified in the outstanding Office Action as containing allowable subject matter has been rewritten in independent form and is thus now allowable. Dependent Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 have been amended to depend from allowable Claim 2 and are thus likewise allowable. Moreover, dependent Claims 13, 16, 17 and 18 have been amended to depend from allowable Claim 10 and are thus likewise allowable. Claims 5 and 6 depend from allowable Claim 2 and are thus allowable. Claims 11, 12, 14 and 15 depend from Claim allowable Claim 10 and are thus allowable. Claims 19-27 are allowed.

Conclusion

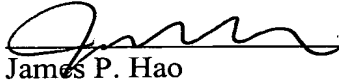
In light of the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 2-8 and 10-18 (Claims 19-27 are already allowed).

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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